National Parks and Widlife Sanctuaries

375. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of National Parks and Wild Life Sanctuaries in the country;

(b) the number of National Parks and game sanctuaries in Madhya Pradesh; and

(c) whether the Central Government and the State Governments have evolved any mechanism to monitor the results of the protection efforts in the National Parks and game sanctuaries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI) : (a) There are 58 National Parks and 254 wildlife sanctuaries in the country at present.

(b) There are 11 National Parks and 31 wildlife sanctuaries in Madhya Pradesh.

(c) Some of the mechanisms evolved by the States and Central Governments to monitor the results of the protection efforts in the National Parks and Game Sanctuaries are given below :

(i) A survey of the Management of all national parks and sanctuaries has been taken up by Central Government. Guidelines for the preparation of management plans of wildlife reserves have been drawn up and circulated to all States for U.Ts.

(ii) Regional Representatives of Indian Board for Wildlife, the Director, Wildlife Preservation and the four Regional Deputy Directors, Wildlife, of the Government of India are periodically deputed to visit certain national parks and wildlife sanctuaries and to submit their reports with regard to progress in this matter.

(iii) Meetings of the Indian Board for Wildlife and the Standing Committee of Indian Board for Wildlife are held periodically and the representatives of States/UT's alternatively are invited to submit the progress report with regard to protection efforts made in their respective States/UT's.

(iv) Indian Board for Wildlife Award for best managed wildlife Reserve is given by the Central Government periodically on the basis of efforts made to conserve wildlife in that particular reserve.

(v) The Chief Wildlife Wardens of States and Union Territories make their own inspection of park and sanctuaries and keep the Director of Wildlife preservation, Government of India informed about the progress made in development of such areas.

(vi) Honorary Wildlife Wardens and local army commanders who are the members of State Wildlife Advisory Boards also submit their reports and/or observations in respect of development of national parks and sanctuaries they visit.

Noise pollution

376. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that noise pollution is on the increase in the country specially in Delhi; and

(b) which is the noisiest area/place so far detected in the country and remedial steps taken/proposed including studies conducted/initiated throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) According to the surveys conducted, noise levels are high in certain localities of metropolitan cities including Delhi. The areas of heavy traffic movement in these cities are the noisiest with noise levels exceeding 85 decibels during peak hours of traffic.

Improvement in road and traffic movement, restriction on use of loud horns, regulated movement of heavy vehicles and publicity campaign are

among the steps taken under the civic laws by the local authorities.

The Environment (Protection) Act, 1986 also includes provision for enabling enforcement of noise pollution control measures.

Impact of underground mining on surface vegetation

377. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been made in the country to assess the result of underground mining on the Surface Vegetation; and

(b) if so, with what results?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

National Seminar on Social Forestry

378. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a National Seminar on Social Forestry was held recently in Bangalore; and

(b) if so, what are its main recommendations and what action Government has taken to implement the recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) A National Workshop on Monitoring and Evaluation of Social Forestry Programmes was held at Bangalore from February 10 to 14, 1986.

(b) The Workshop discussed the draft "Operational Guide to Monitoring and Evaluation of Social Forestry in India", and made a number of suggestions.

Based on these suggestions a final document has been sent to the States/Union Territories, which includes a programme to computerise data.

CBI inquiries against Government officials

379. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of inquiries launched by CBI against the Government officers and Public Servants all over the country on the charge of bribery and corruption during the last six months, State-wise and Department-wise; and

(b) the details of the persons found guilty and action taken against them?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) and (b) CBI registered 649 cases from 1-4-1986 to 30-9-1986 against public servants and private persons/firms on the charges of bribery, corruption, criminal misconduct embezzlement, cheating, misappropriation etc. The details about the cases registered State-wise and department-wise and the persons found guilty and action taken against them are being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Supply of arms and ammunitiions to terrorists

380. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that the terrorists in the country are getting arms from Pakistan;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the arrested terrorists have recently committed the supply of arms and ammunitions from Pakistan;

(c) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard; and